(b) what are the details of the action Government propose to take for expansion of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS, IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) There is no proposal for the expansion of the Durgapur plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

SC Families benefited under various schemes

1371. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the population of Scheduled Castes in the country, State-wise; and

(b) what is the number of such families benefited under various Scheduled Caste Development Schemes during this year upto October 31, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The State-wise Scheduled Caste population in the country as per 1981 Census is given in Statement I (See below).

(b) Total number of Scheduled Caste families benefited under various Scheduled Caste Development Schemes during the current financial year (1987-88) from April to October, 1987 as per information received from 24 States/UTs implementing special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes is given in Statement II (See below).

Statement-I

Population of Scheduled Castes in the States/UTs as on Ist March, 1981

India States/Uts	Scheduled Caste population	
INDIA@	104,754,623	
1. Andhra Pradesh	7,961,730	@Assam
2. Bihar	10,142,368	
3. Gujarat	2,438,297	
4. Haryana	2,464,012	
5. Himachal Pradesh	1,053,958	
6. Jammu & Kashmir	497,363	
7. Karnataka	5,595,353	
8. Kerala	2,549,382	
9. Madhya Pradesh	7,358,533	
10. Maharashtra	4,479,763	
11. Manipur	17,753	
12. Meghalaya	5,492	
13. Nagaland	..	
14. Orissa	3,865,543	

India States/UT India	Scheduled Caste population
15. Punjab	4,511,703
16. Rajasthan	5,838,879
17. Sikkim	18,281
18. Tamil Nadu	8,881,295
19. Tripura	310,384
20. Uttar Pradssh	23,453,339
21. West Bengal	12,000,768
UNION TERRITORIES	
22. A & N Islands	..
23. Arunachal Pradesh	2,919
24. Chandigarh	63,621
25. D & N Haveli	2,041
26. Delhi	1,121,643
27. Goa, Daman and Diu	23,432
28. Lakshadweep	..
29. Mizoram	135
30. Pondicherry	96,636

Statement-II

Scheduled Caste families benefited under various SC Development Schemes during the current financial yesr 1987-88 (April-October, 1987)*

State/UT	SC families bendfited
1. Andhra Pradesh	1,08,938
2. Assam	6,428**
3. Bihar	86,195**
4. Gujarat	17,020**
5. Haryana	19,747
6. Himachal Pradesh	10,840**
7. Jammu & Kashmir	876**
8. Karnataka	27,494**
9. Kerala	19,200

State/UT	SC families benefited
10. Madhya Pradesh	1,78,130
11. Maharsahtra	34,251
12. Manipar	179**
13. Orissa	41,299
14. Punjab	21,725
15. Rajasthan	42,919**
16. Sikkim	667
17. Tamil Nadu	72,157**
18. Tripura	2,966
19 Uttar Pradesh	88,821**
20. West Bengal	1,04,890
21. Chandigarh	148
22. Delhi	1,882
23. Goa, Daman and Diu	524
24. Pondicherry	967
TOTAL :	7,88,263

* Data Provisional.

** Families assisted upto September, 1987.

@ Excludes the population of Assam where census could not be conducted owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there. As per 1971 census population of Scheduled Castes in *ASSAM was 9,12,557*.

No Castes were scheduled by the President of India for A & N Islands, Nagaland and Lakshadweep.

Remunerative prices to coconut growers

1372. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the coconut growers get remunerative prices for their produce;

(b) whether the Coconut Development Board is making purchase direct from the producers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government have decided to fix the support price for coconut (copra) on a regular basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.